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RE: Annual Letter Report
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"Pharmacology of Periodontal Disease"

Dear Capt. Hancock:

The following is the annual report for the second year of funding on my ONR contract. I have modified and justified the budget request for the third year of funding, as we discussed previously. If you require additional information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks again for your continued interest and support of this project.

Sincerely

Steven F. Hoff, Ph.D.

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A. Progress Report:

We are attempting to identify antibacterial and antiinflammatory agents, used individually or in combination, which are appropriate for preventing the exacerbation of acute periodontal disease under field conditions.

During the second year of our contract we have continued studies using the human polymorphonuclear leukocyte (PMN) as a model system. One of the assays we had planned to use for these drug evaluations (Phagocytosis Assay) has demonstrated an excessive amount of variability in our hands, and we have discarded that assay. In its place we have added a very sensitive assay for PMN Superoxide production, which is one of the primary mechanisms by which PMNs destroy bacteria. Excessive production of superoxide radicals may also cause damage to normal healthy tissues.

Some older antibacterial and anti-inflammatory compounds have been examined with regard to our objectives, and we have focused on more recently marketed compounds $_{\mathbf{x}}$

TOLMETIN

This non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) has proven to be unusual in one way from other NSAIDs in that it significantly stimulates rather than inhibits PMN chemotaxis (Figure 1) (ANOVA F=10.828, df 3, p< .01). The Tukey-HSD procedure for multiple ranges shows this effect to be significant from control (p< .05) at the 50 ug/ml drug concentration. This is very clearly a dosedependent process, which we have demonstrated occurs at drug concentrations found under therapeutic conditions. In addition Tolmetin causes a significant dose-dependent reduction in the release of beta-glucuronidase (dot filled bars) and lysozyme (hatched bars) from azurophilic and specific granules respectively (ANOVA p<.01 for both enzymes) (Figure 2). The Tukey HSD procedure

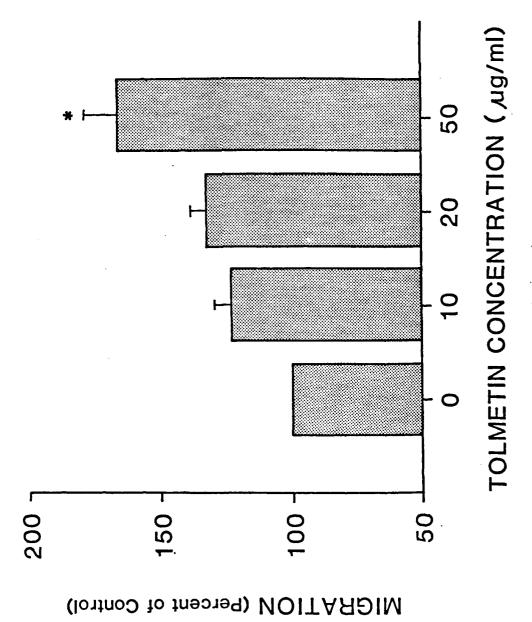
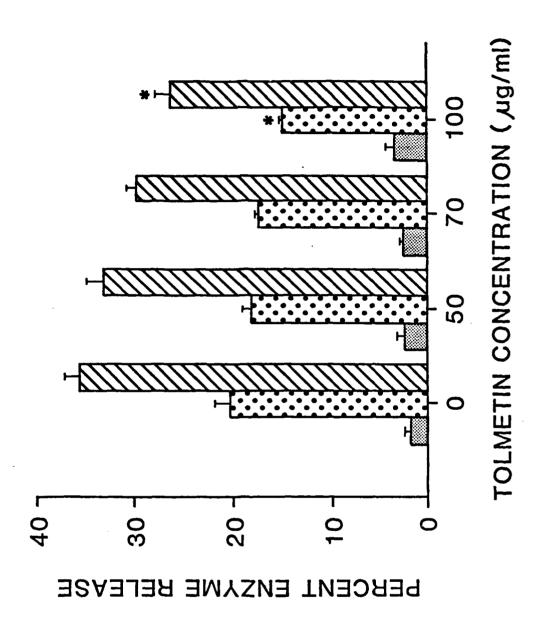


FIGURE 1. Effect of Tolmetin on PMN chemotaxis. * p < .05 vs control (no drug)



Effect of Tolmetin on PMN degranulation Stippled bars=LDH activity (Lactate dehydrogenase) potted bars=Beta-glucuronidase activity Hatched bars=Lysozyme activity * p <.05

FIGURE 2.

specifies that the effect is significant (p<.05) at the 100 ug/ml drug concentration. Cell death does not significantly increase with larger doses as indicated by the steady lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) levels (solid bars in Figure 2). The production of superoxide radials is also significantly inhibited by Tolmetin (Figure 3) (ANOVA F=22.191, df3, p<.01), with the effect significant at all drug concentrations (Tukey-HSD, p<.05). Our work on Tolmetin was presented at the 1986 FASEB meeting in St. Louis (see attached abstract).

MECLOFENAMATE

This NSAID is somewhat different from Tolmetin and appears to be much more potent in our assays. For example, Meclofenamate causes a significant dose-dependent reduction in chemotaxis by PMNs (Figure 4) (ANOVA, F=133.979, df4, p<.0001), with complete inhibition at 20 ug/ml. The Tukey-HSD procedure reveals that the drug effect is significant at the 5, 10 and 20 ug/ml concentrations (p<.05). Meclofenamate also causes a pronounced reduction in the release of beta-glucuronidase (ANOVA F=29.293, df3, p<.0001) and lysozyme (ANOVA F=38.622, df2, p<.0001), which is significant at all three drug concentrations (Tukey-HSD, p<.05) (Figure 5). Meclofenamate does not cause any significant increase in cell death under our experimental conditions (ANOVA, F=2.875, df3, p>.1) (Figure 5). Superoxide production is also markedly inhibited (Figure 6) (ANOVA F=12.707, df3, p<.005), and this is ignificant at the 20 and 50 ug/ml drug concentrations (Tukey-HSD, p<.05).

CHLORHEXIDINE

Chlorhexidine is a very potent antibacterial, which is applied topically. As with most NSAIDs, this antibacterial agent also caused a significant dose-dependent reduction in chemotaxis (Figure 7) (ANOVA F=24.519, df3, p<.0002), which was significant at the 15 and 25 ug/ml drug concentrations (Tukey-HSD, p<.05). Chlorhexidine did NOT alter the stimulated release of beta-glucuronidase (ANOVA F=0.157, df3, p>.9) or lysozyme (ANOVA F=0.073, df3, p>.9) (Figure

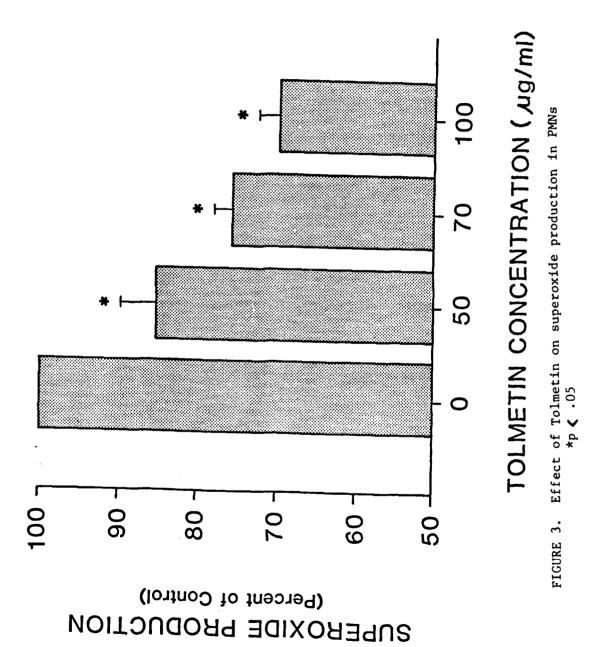


FIGURE 4. Effect of Meclofenamate on PMN chemotaxis. \Leftrightarrow p $\langle \cdot \cdot 05 \rangle$

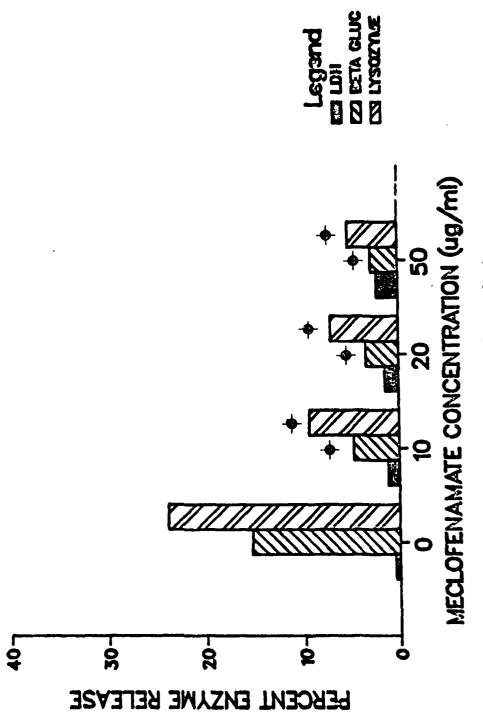


FIGURE 5. Effect of Meclofenamate on PMN degranulation.

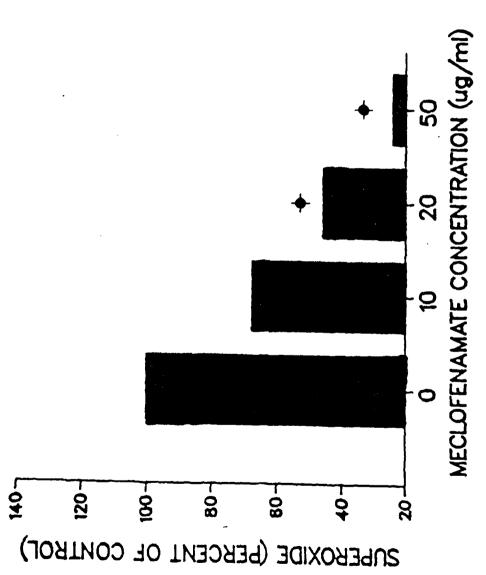


FIGURE 6. Effect of Meclofenamate on superoxide production by PMNs.

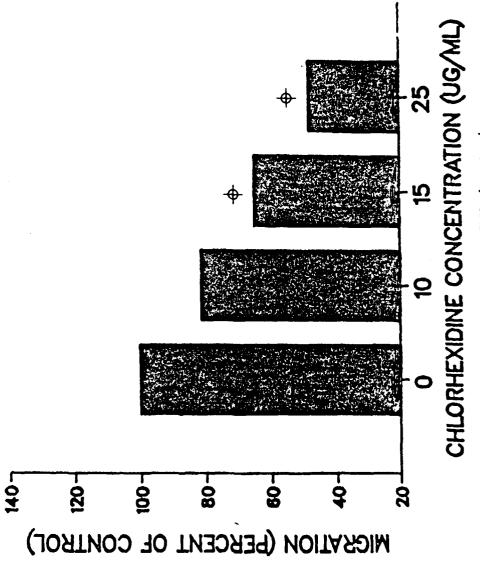


FIGURE 7. Effect of Chlorhexidine on PMN chemotaxis.

8), eventhough a significant increase (ANOVA F=6.510, df3, p<.02) in the amount of cell death occured at the 100ug/ml drug concentration (Tukey-HSD, p<.05) (Figure 8). An interesting effect was observed, where a significant increase (ANOVA F=9.532, df3, p<.01) in the production of superoxide radicals occured in the presence of drug concentrations non-lethal to the PMNs (50ug/ml, Tukey-HSD, p<.05) (Figure 9).

Amoxicillin is a broad spectrum antibiotic from the penicillin family. It is beta-lactamase sensitive, so that its use in many staphylococcal infections is limited. However, when combined with a newly marketed compound, Clavulanic acid, which inhibits beta-lactamases, the spectrum of Amoxicillin is greatly extended. Though our data is not complete enough for statistical analysis at this time, it appears that Amoxicillin has no effect on chemotaxis, enyzme release or superoxide production (Table I).

TABLE I. EFFECTS OF AMOXICILLIN ON PMN FUNCTIONS

DRUG		ENZYME RI	ELEASE	SUPEROXIDE
CONCENTRATION:	CHEMOTAXIS	LYSOZYME	BETA-GLUC	PRODUCTION
CONTROL	100%*	35.1%	24.4%	100%
5 ug/ml	101.5%			
10ug/ml	108.8%	32.6%	22.6%	105.2%
20ug/ml	105.1%	33.9%	24.8%	103.0%
50ug/ml	104.1%	31.6%	25.4%	109.1%
100ug/ml	111.5%	31.8%	26.7%	

* data given as percent of control



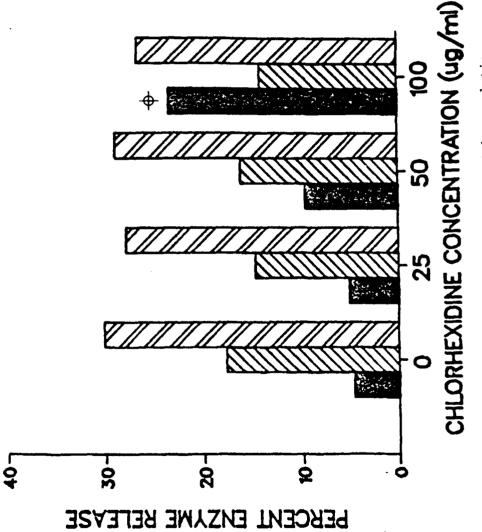


FIGURE 8. Effect of Chlorhexidine on PMN degranulation

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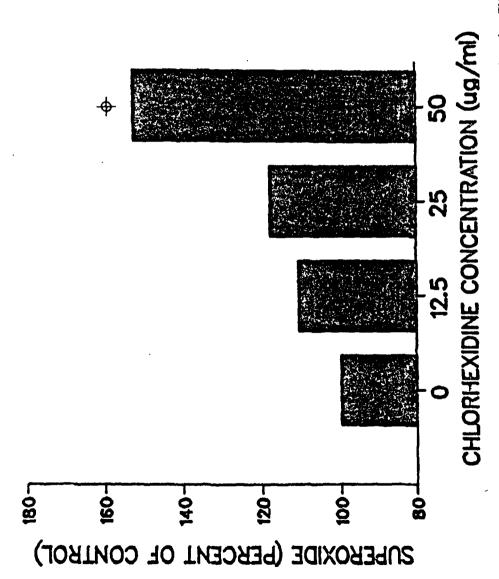


FIGURE 9. Effect of Chlorhexidine on superoxide production by PMNs.

DOXYCYCLINE

Doxycycline is one of the broad spectrum tetracycline antibiotics. We have just begun to evaluate this compound in our assay procedures. At a concentration of 10ug/ml, doxycycline appears to inhibit superoxide production by about 50%. At concentrations above this (20 and 50 ug/ml), the inhibition appears erratic and this may be caused by a direct inhibition of superoxide dismutase, which is in our reaction mixture.

Several additional compounds with relevance to our studies have been examined in the literature (Table II). To date, it appears that Meclofenamate is the most potent anti-inflammatory agent for use in acute periodontal inflammation, while chlorhexidine may prove to be very useful as an antibacterial agent. Chlorhexidine is available for topical use in the United States, but not for oral indications. This application is being used in Europe, and approval here should be forthcoming.

TABLE II. SUMMARY OF DRUG EFFECTS

		ENZYME	RELEASE	SUPEROXIDE
DRUG:	CHEMOTAXIS	BETA-GLUC	LYSOZYME	PRODUCTION
TOLMETIN	I	D	D	D
MECLOFENAMATE	D	D	D	D
CHLORHEXIDINE	D	ne	ne	I
DOXYCYCLINE	-	-	-	D
AMOXICILLIN	ne	ne	ne	ne
(From the lite	rature)			
INDOMETHACIN	D	D	D	D
NAPROXEN	D	D	D	NR
IBUPROFEN	D	D	D	D
TETRACYCLINES	D	NR	NR	NR
CLINDAMYCIN	<u>+</u>	D	D	D
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I=increased; D=decreased; ne=no effect; NR= not reported
+=conflicting reports; -=not done yet

B. WORK PLAN FOR THIRD YEAR:

During the coming year we will evaluate the effects of appropriate combinations of NSAIDs and antibacterials on PMN functions either in culture alone or co-cultured with human periodontal fibroblasts. This will entail the biochemical and morphological examination of PMN and fibroblast interactions in culture under FMLP stimulated and unstimulated conditions, in the presence or absence of the different therapeutic agents. Once these experiments are completed, we will compile a complete report of our experimental protocols, assay procedures, experimental findings, and recommendations.

Third Year Milestone:

We expect that the work accomplished in the final year of this contract will result in a useful recommendation for the use of combined agents in the prevention of chronic periodontal disease. This study should provide an excellent opportunity for transition to advanced development (6.3) of drug delivery systems for field use by independent duty corpsmen.

C. BUDGET FOR YEAR THREE:

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REQUESTED BUDGET	
PERSONNEL	\$40,094	\$64,350	
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	
SUPPLIES	14,300	14,000	
TRAVEL	2,500	2,000	
OTHER	6,800	4,000	
INDIRECT COSTS	36,306	48,080	
TOTAL COSTS:	100,000	132,430	

Equipment List and Justification:

No new major pieces of equipment are required during the third year of our contract.

Third Year Budget Changes and Justification:

Our original contract proposal had expected our experimental workload to decrease significantly as we entered the third year of the contract and allow us to eliminate one of the personnel positions. However, during the first year, we modified our protocols and experimental model system in order to better achieve our objective (ie. to identify possible combinations of anti-inflammatory and antibacterial agents which could prove useful in the prevention of chronic periodontal disease under field conditions). We are very satisfied that our modified approach to

this task is appropriate and far more objective and reliable, however these modifications have in turn altered the distribution of our workload over the contract period. In our original contract proposal, we projected a strong beginning to our evaluation of drug combinations during the second year of the contract. With our modified experimental protocols, we are just going to finish the analysis of the single agents during the second year. To ensure our ability to complete the contract goals, I strongly believe that the retention of the full technical staff is imperative, and for this reason I have requested additional funds in the PERSONNEL category along with a concommitant addition to the INDIRECT COST category to cover University expenses. The indirect cost still remains at the agreed upon percentage of total direct costs less Additionally, I have lowered the original funds equipment. requested in the TRAVEL and OTHER categories to equal that used during the second year. This level of funding has proven to be totally adequate for our requirements. The requested funds for SUPPLIES has not changed significantly from the original proposal. A more detailed breakdown of the budget is attached at the end of this progress report.

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EFFECT OF ADREMALIN ON MEMBRANE POTENTIAL CHANGES AND THE PROLIFERATION RESPONSE OF MURINE T LYMPHOCYTES. J.F. Beaudin

and R. Gorczynski, Ontario Cancer Institute, Toronto, Canada The presence of adrenergic receptors on T lymphocytes has well documented. The number of these receptors as well as their Kd values is comparable to that of other tissues.

use splenic T cells or spleen cells hyperimmunized to keyhole limpet hemocyanin, (KLH), exposed to brief pulses of pharmacological doses of adrenalin, show suppression of the proliferative response when subsequently exposed to mitogenic ses of ConA or KLH, respectively, for 72 hours.
These observations have been correlated with me

tential changes where exposure of the normal mouse splenic T cells to ConA or the hyperismunized cells to KLH hypopolar-izes the cell membrane. In contrast, adrenalin hyperpolarizes the cell membrane and causes reversal of the membrane changes a with ConA or KLH.

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ANTIINFLAMMATORY AGENTS (1047-1050)

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AND IMMUNOREGULATORY ACTIVITY OF SRAF 86002: A DUAL INHIBITOR OF ARACHIDONATE METABOLISM.
M. J. DiMertino, M. Johnson, B. Berkowitz and M. Hanna.
Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Philadelphia, PA 19101.
SK&F 86002 [6-(4-fluorophenyl) 2,3-dihydro-5-(4-pyridinyl)

SKAF BBUUZ (b-(4-fluorophenyl) 2,3-dhydro-b-(4-pyriding imidazo (2,1-b) thiazole] administered orally to rats, inhibited the development of carrageman-induced edman, immune and non-immune mediated inflammation of adjuvant-induced arthritis (AA) and decreased established inflammation of AA and collagen type II-induced arthritis. SKAF 86002 produced dose related analgesia in the phenylquinone-induced abdominal constriction mouse assay, and the phenylquinone-induced abdominal constriction mouse assay, pnemy/quinone-induced abdominal constriction mouse assay, which was not reversed by naltrexone, a narcotic antagonist. In addition, SKAF 86002 produced anti-inflammatory activity in rat paw edema assays which are insensitive to cyclooxygenase inhibitors including: ongoing (established) carrageman edema and edema induced by arachidonic acid and platelet activating factor. Moreover, SK&F 86002 inhibited the elicitation of immune-mediated Skar books inhibited the elicitation or immune-mentated inflammatory responses to purified protein derivative and the development of hindleg paralysis associated with experimental allergic encephalomyelitis. In summary, Skar Books, a dual inhibitor of arachidonate metabolism, is an orally effective antiarthritic/analgetic compound. ssessing corticosteroid-like anti-infla regulatory properties.

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TOLMETIN MODULATES FORMYL-PEPTIDE STIMULATED HUMAN NEUTROPHIL

FUNCTIONS. J. Shelly, L. Jacoby, S. Malker, and S. Hoff (SPON: A. Varquez). Department of Pharmacology, The Chicago Medical School, North Chicago, IL 60064.

Studies were conducted to determine how Tolmetin. a non-steroidal antiinflammatory drug (NSAID), would affect several neutrophil functions associated with the inflammatory response. Therapeutic concentrations of Tolmetin (50-100µg/ml) were found to increase significantly (p<0.01) FMP induced chemotaxis of human neutrophils under aparose in [30-100µg/mr] were found to increase significantly (p-u.or) FNP induced chemotaxis of human neutrophils under agarose in a dose dependent manner, and FNLP stimulated neutrophils demonstrated a significant (p-0.01) dose dependent decrease in lysosomal enzyme release (both specific and azurophilic granules) after Tolmetin treatment. Also, phagocytosis of latex beads and superoxide anion production were markedly reduced when compared to control stimulated neutrophils. Tolmetin differs in its actions from other NSAIDs, such as Indomethacin and Ibuprofen, in its ability to increase the chemotactic responsiveness of neutrophils. These data support the proposal that MSAIDs may differentially affect discreet neutrophil functions, and thus these drugs may have multiple but different sites of activity involved in their These data support antiinflammatory actions. (Supported by ONR Contract N1484KO562).

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NE-19550, AN ANTI-INFLAMMATORY/ANALGESIC AGENT WITH A MOVEL MECHANISM. L. M. Brand, K. L. Skare, M. E. Loomans, M. L. Skoglund, H. H. Tai, G. Chiabrando, and R. Fanelli (SPON: J. T. Rotruck). The Procter & Gamble Company, P.O. Box 39175, Cincinnati, GN 45247; Dept. of Pharmacognosy, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Mario Negri Institute, Milan, ITALY.

ME-19550 (M-(3-methoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl)-oleamide) is an analog of capsaicin that has been shown to possess analgesic and anti-inflammatory activities in several animal tests.
Capsaicin is an anti-oxidant that has been reported to inhibit cyclooxygenase activity in vitro (Prostaglandins 20: 209 (1980)). To elucidate the role of arachidonic acid metabolism in the anti-inflammatory mechanism of action of KE-19550, the inhibition of cyclooxygenase and lipoxygenase enzymes by NE-19550 was examined. In vitro, NE-19550 inhibited canine gastric cell FGE2 synthesis (Ki=0.5 µM) and also the 5-lipoxygenase from RBL-2M3 cells (IC50=0.9 µM). The non-The non enalgesic trans-isomer of ME-19550 was not inhibitory toward these enzymes. Other enzymes involved in arachidonic acid metabolism (i.e., thromboxane synthetase, prostacyclin synthetase, and 12- or 15-lipoxygenase) were unaffected by either isomer. In vivo, analgesic/anti-inflammatory doses of ME-19550 did not suppress unstimulated prostaglandin or thromboxane accumulation by either platelets, brain, kidney, or lung. NE-19550 also did not inhibit the net release of LTB4 by intset leukocytes. It is concluded that the action of NE-19550 in vivo does not involve MSAID-like inhibition of prostanoid synthesis.

INHIBITION OF LYMPHOCYTE PROLIFERATION AND INFLAMMATORY RESPONSES IN ADJUVANT-ARTHRITIC RATS BY ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS. George F. Seng and Barbara M. Bayer. Georgetown University, Washington D.C. 20007.

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Administration of indomethacin to rats twice a day for a three day period resulted in a dose-dependent inhibition of splenic lymphocyte proliferation stimulated by phytohemagglutinin (PMA). The inhibition was accompanied by a decrease in the lymphocyte sensitivity and maximal response to PMA. Partial inhibition of the response was observed with 0.25 me/fm and complains to this time with done recording. mg/kg and complete inhibition with doses exceeding 0.5 mg/kg of indomethacin. The inhibition of the PHA-response was also found to be time-dependent: 1 mg/kg for 1 day resulted in only a 30 percent inhibition whereas complete suppression occurred after 3 days of indomethacin administration. The magnitude and time-dependency of these changes were found to magnitude and time-dependency of these changes were found to be highly correlated to the reduction of contralateral paw volumes of rats injected with adjuvant 14 days previously. Flufenamic acid (8 mg/kg), piroxicam (1 mg/kg) and phenyl-butazone (30 mg/kg) also were found to completely inhibit the lymphocyte response and reduce paw volumes to that of con-trols. In contrast, acetaminophen (600 mg/kg) had little effect on either parameter. (NIH Grant Al20076)

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